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## British Men Got Best of Of Huns in Aerial Battle

### Three Naval Airplanes in Sharp Fight With Ten Enemy Machines Over Flanders on Monday---Three of the Latter Were Brought Down, Says Official Report.

LONDON, June 26.—Three British naval airplanes fought a battle with ten German machines over Flanders on Monday. An official account of the fight says one and probably three of the Germans were driven down. All the British airmen returned safely.

The announcement follows: "In the course of a patrol on Monday three naval airplanes encountered and engaged ten enemy machines in the vicinity of Roulers. They fought for sixteen minutes and brought down one enemy in flames. It is believed two others were driven out of control, but clouds interrupted the view. Our machines returned safely."

LONDON, June 26.—A small contingent of the United States Flying Corps arrived in England yesterday, wearing civilian clothes, but with blue silk armlets bearing in white letters the words "U. S. Flying Corps."

PETROGRAD, June 26.—The official communication issued by the War Office today says: "On the western and Roumanian fronts there is no change. On the Caucasus front we occupied a series of heights. On Bargin summit, 30 miles southwest of Ushnus, Turks attempted to attack, but were repulsed by our fire. West of Semnes we forced the Kurds from positions west of the summit of Ashkan."

PARIS, June 26.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that former Premier Venizelos, who has been commissioned by King Alexander to form a new cabinet, arrived at Athens yesterday and will be received by the King. He is to form a new ministry, it is reported.

LONDON, June 26.—A despatch to the Times from Athens says French troops yesterday entered Athens and occupied several points in the city. This is the second time since the war broke out that troops have been sent to Athens. The previous instance was in December, 1916. Soon after landing they were fired upon by Greek soldiers. They were withdrawn after the Greek government had acceded to the Allies' demands for reparation.

STOCKHOLM, June 26.—Two hundred Russian refugees, men, women and children, on their way from Switzerland to Petrograd, have received advices here that the Russian provisional government has refused permission for them to enter Russia. A representative of the Swedish government has gone to Petrograd to endeavor to arrange for admission.

PARIS, June 26.—The French made a surprise attack northwest of Hutebise last night, after brief artillery preparations. The War Office announces the capture of the entire first line German trenches, which were held against desperate counter attacks. More than three hundred prisoners were taken and other losses inflicted on the enemy.

## GERMANS ARE STILL DEPORTING BELGIANS

### WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR AGE, SEX OR HEALTH

HAVRE, June 26.—Belgians in the districts occupied by Germans, especially Mons, are fearful that the Germans intend to deport them to Roumania shortly, according to advices received by the Belgian government.

The Belgian authorities reiterate that the Germans are only cavilling and playing on words when they assert "deportation of workers to Germany has ceased." Though this may technically be the case, deportation to northern France points immediately behind the front, for work on roads, railroads and fortifications continue, the statement adds, and persons promised and ready for repatriation are even being re-deported.

The deportations, the Belgian government says, are proceeding without any consideration for occupation, health, age or even illness, and the Germans are no longer taking the hypocritical precaution of hiding behind social and economical administrative pretexts.

## CANADIAN TROOPS TAKING PART IN A PARADE

### FOR "MERCY DOLLARS" ON AMERICAN SOIL

NEW YORK, June 26.—An Associated Press despatch from Detroit says:

A monster military parade in Detroit this afternoon arranged in behalf of the Red Cross campaign for "mercy dollars" will be marked by the unusual sight of British soldiers marching on United States soil.

Permission has been obtained from Washington for a Canadian volunteer regiment to cross the border and march in the parade with National Guard troops, Naval Militia and other uniformed bodies. Flags of the Allies, intertwined, will form the chief decorative scheme along the line of march.

## NAVAL OFFICER LAID TO REST

Toronto, June 26.—With full naval honors, the funeral of the late Dr. Ernest Stirret, former house surgeon of the H. M. C. S. Niobe, took place from the family residence, 423 Indian Road, to Forest Lawn cemetery, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A squad of naval men drew the gun carriage containing the remains to the cemetery, while another party of seamen which formed the firing squad sounded the "last post." About fifty seamen were in attendance.

## GREECE MAY JOIN THE ALLIES

London, June 26.—A despatch to the Times from Athens says that as soon as parliament is convoked, M. Venizelos will probably propose to the deputies that Greece join the Allies. He does not intend, however, to mobilize the nation against its will. He is expected first to undertake a great campaign explaining to the people of Greece that her interests are bound up in the Entente cause.

If his mission is successful he will be able in about three months to put the entire forces of Greece into the balance.

## GOOD WORK OF THE CANADIAN HOSPITALS

Have Been Able to Relieve the Pressure on English Hospitals to Some Extent.

Ottawa, June 26.—The Canadian Hospitals in England have lately been able to relieve the Imperial Government hospitals to some extent of our soldiers' treatment.

Returns just received by the military hospitals commission from the director of medical services in London, shows that in the week ending June 1 the number of Canadian soldiers invalided in the United Kingdom fell from 22,562 to 22,482 after a long series of weekly increases.

But that is not the whole story. An analysis of the total shows that the number of our men in non-Canadian Hospitals was reduced from 12,160 to 11,525. In the same period the number in Canadian hospitals rose from 10,326 to 10,881. The number in sanatoria remained the same, 76, on May 5 and June 1.

## CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, June 26.—Some renewal of uncertainty as to the outcome of food legislation in Washington tended today to give an appearance of some strength to the wheat market. Opening prices, which varied from unchanged figures to one cent higher, with July nominal and September at 7.35 to 1.86, were followed by a moderate upturn, and then a setback to yesterday's closing level.

## New Indian Policeman.

Stephen Muisse was sworn in yesterday as Indian policeman for the St. Mary's Reserve, in succession to Sol Brooks, resigned.

It is said that a pair of up-raised hands have now supplanted the spike on the German helmet.

## SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS PASSING THROUGH A CRISIS

Constitutional Guarantees Have Again Been Suspended by the Government--Decision was Reached at a Special Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

MADRID, June 26.—The Government yesterday decided to suspend constitutional guarantees. Premier Dato went to the Palace to obtain the King's signature to the decree authorizing the suspension. The decision to suspend constitutional guarantees in Spain was reached at a special meeting of the cabinet yesterday, after which Premier Dato took to the palace the decree authorizing the measure, to obtain the King's signature.

It goes into effect today. Despatches from Madrid give no especial reason for this action. The constitutional guarantees have been suspended several times since the outbreak of the war, and were restored only recently.

It is assumed that the crisis through which the country is passing is not developing as favorably as the premier hoped.

## FOUR RETURNED MEN ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Three local men who had served in France came in from St. John last night and one came in yesterday morning. The returned men are Driver W. W. McCormack, Pte. N. W. Ralston, Pte. Gordon Grey and Battery Sergt. Major George G. Parker. The men were met at the station by the Fredericton Brass Band of which Sergt. Major Parker was a member and escorted to their homes.

Pte. F. Allison Edgcombe of the 58th Battalion, and Pte. Chas. Burgess of the 87th Battalion are expected home tonight.

## Saw Much Service.

Privates Grey and Ralston were with the 26th Battalion and saw much service. Driver McCormack was wounded in the face and carries the mark of his injury.

## CARNIVAL SHOW COMING NEXT WEEK

The much heralded Firemen's Carnival and celebration week will soon be a reality and is scheduled to hold forth all of next week upon Queen Square. Much that is new, novel and bright in the entertainment field is promised as what is unquestionably the largest and up to date carnival organization in Canada namely: The Wonderland Shows, Ltd., furnish all attractions. Chief among the ten big shows are The Monkey Speedway, Hawaiian Village, International Athletic Show, Combination Museum, new three abreast jumping horse carousel Great Ferris Wheel, etc. Much interest in the event has already been created and the important fact that the relief fund for the benefit of the members at the front and those returned is to be swelled by a goodly share of the proceeds makes this a celebration week worthy of capacity attendance.

## GALLANT CANADIANS OCCUPY STRONG OUT-POST BEFORE LENS

### British Win a Signal Success With a Relative Light Loss---The Germans Forced to Retire Under Heavy Pressure of the British.

(By Stewart Lyon, Correspondent, Canadian Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, June 26.—The Canadians have occupied the strongest outpost in the defence of Lens and have pushed their advance towards La Coulette.

The unceasing pressure to which the enemy in Souchez Valley has been subjected during the past few weeks has brought signal success to the British arms with relatively light loss.

Early yesterday afternoon an unusual movement within the enemy lines indicated that he was retiring, while at the same time aerial observers brought back news that the cross roads and streets and intersections west of the German lines had been mined. Craters were seen by them at a number of these cross roads.

## Enemy Trenches Occupied.

At once the patrols were pushed out where early in the morning they had occupied the enemy trenches at the foot of Reservoir Hill.

They reached the summit of the Hill without opposition and pushed down the eastern slope. Strong posts were established and the strong Lens outpost was effectively occupied.

Meanwhile to the south of the Souchez river we pushed forward on the heels of the retiring enemy.

Railway embankments to the east of the Lens metric station were occupied. The advance was then continued towards La Coulette. As night fell strong parties were sent out to consolidate the positions occupied and patrols were pushed out with the object of keeping in touch with the enemy.

## Enemy Follows Customary Tactics.

Several days ago the enemy was known to be destroying houses in the western part of Lens with the object of giving a wider area of fire for his guns. That may indicate his intention of clinging to the eastern side of the city, and prolonging the struggle by house to house fighting.

Heavy artillery fire was directed last night upon all roads eastward of Lens, where troops and guns could be moved back. On the extreme south exploratory patrols met with heavy fire.

## STEAMERS NOW HAVE MINE SWEEPING DEVICES ATTACHED

Floating Mines Can Now be Picked up and Brought to the Surface at Safe Distance From the Ship--Netted Projection is Used for the Purpose.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 26.—A mine-sweeping device calculated to pick up and safely bring to the surface any mines that may be in the paths of vessels, is now being attached to a number of ships proceeding through the waters of the war zone. one of these devices was observed on a passenger liner which arrived here today.

It is attached to the bows and when let down a netted projection extends a dozen or more feet on either side of the ship. If a mine is encountered it is picked up and brought to the surface at a safe distance from the vessel.

The ship to which the device was attached is on her first trip here since April, when she was compelled to seek a dry dock in a British port on account of damage from a mine.

The explosion, officers say, tore a big hole in her bottom and killed one member of the crew. Water-tight compartments held and the ship was able to make her way to port without assistance.

## MINE MANAGER LOST HIS LIFE

Quebec, June 26.—News comes from Dasarre township in the Abitibi region that O. M. Hennissy, manager for the Abitibi Pulp Company, and J. Lavoie, head foreman, were drowned there on Monday. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Several women are among the expert "birdmen" in the German military aviation corps.

## VENIZELLOS TO FORM CABINET

London, June 26.—A Reuter despatch from Athens says it is stated on good authority that M. Venizelos will form a cabinet not later than Wednesday.

Great Britain will be finished in two months, says Von Heyderbrand. The question is whether this will be accomplished by killing babies, or by verbal drumfire and hot air barrage.